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SUBJ: JAPANESE PREPARATIONS FOR ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. THIS AFTERNOON PRIME MINISTER MIKE CALLED TOGETHER FOR A ONE-HOUR MEETING THE AMBASSADORS FROM THE FIVE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN UPCOMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO STRESS IMPORTANCE JAPAN ATTACHES TO THE MEETING AS MEANS OF CREATING A CLIMATE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND SECOND TO EXAMINE VIEWS OF THOSE PRESENT WITH RESPECT TO ANY PROPOSALS THEIR COUNTRIES MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE AT THE CONFERENCE. ONLY MORSEL OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION I GAINED WITH RESPECT TO MIKI'S INTENTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE IS THAT WITHIN A GLOBAL CONTEXT HE WILL MAKE REFERENCES TO ASIAN NEEDS.

2. THE UK AMBASSADOR MADE VAGUE REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE PROPOSALS BY HIS COUNTRY ON NORTH-SOUTH QUESTION. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT HIS COUNTRY NEVER KNOWS WHAT POSITION IT'S GOING TO TAKE UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SPOKE BRIEFLY IN FRENCH AND RECEIVED A NONCOMMITTAL REPLY IN ENGLISH. ONLY THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR MADE
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SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTION. HE

SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD TALK FIRST ABOUT HOW TO FIGHT
GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION; SECOND, IT WILL SEE IF
AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED TO CONTINUE THE OECD
UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO NOT IMPOSING NEW TRADE
BARRIERS; AND THIRD, IT WILL DISCUSS WHAT CAN BE DONE TO
SPEED UP GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I OBSERVED THAT THE PRIMIN AND SECY KISSINGER HAD
DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT AND I HAD LITTLE NEW TO ADD. I
SAID THE U.S. MIGHT BE ELABORATING ON EARLIER VIEWS
EXPRESSED ON THE AGENDA SUBJECTS BUT DOUTED THAT THE
EXTENT OF ELABORATION WOULD QUALIFY AS A SHOCK.

4. IN A BRIEF PRIVATE CONVERSATION FOLLOWING MEETING,
PRIMIN TOLD ME THAT AMB. YASUKAWA WOULD BE "REPORTING"
TO DEPT SHORTLY. I INFERRED FROM THIS THAT YASUKAWA
MAY ADVISE DEPT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS JAPAN INTENDS TO MAKE.

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